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FEDERAL GRAND JURY RETURNS INDICTMENTS

Madison, Wisconsin -- A federal grand jury in the Western District of Wisconsin, sitting in Madison, returned the following indictments today. You are advised that a charge is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

FOUR CHARGED WITH PASSING FORGED CHECKS AT MADISON FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

In four separate indictments, Emma Thomas, DOB 11/20/1973, of Madison, Wisconsin, Delilah Holmes, DOB 12/9/1976, also of Madison, Tyrone Robinson, DOB 1/13/1971, of Fitchburg, Wisconsin, and Gregory Thompson, DOB 4/18/1964, of Madison, were charged with passing, and attempting to pass, forged checks at financial institutions. The financial institutions include the UW Credit Union, Chase Bank, M&I Bank, AnchorBank, Associated Bank, and US Bank.

The indictments allege that as part of schemes to defraud these financial institutions, signed checks were stolen from the outgoing mail of account holders and information on the checks was changed, including the date of the check, the payee name, and the numeric and written check amount.

The 11-count indictment returned against Emma Thomas alleges that she cashed 10 forged checks totaling \$10,719 between September 3, 2005 and September 14, 2005. The indictment further alleges that she attempted to cash a forged check in the amount of \$976 on September 16, 2005.

The six-count indictment returned against Delilah Holmes alleges that she cashed three forged checks and attempted to cash three forged checks, in an amount totaling \$7,922.81, between August 17, 2005 and September 6, 2005.

The one-count indictment returned against Tyrone Robinson alleges that he cashed a forged check in the amount of \$988 on September 12, 2005.

The six-count indictment returned against Gregory Thompson alleges that he cashed four forged checks and attempted to cash two forged checks, in an amount totaling \$5,831, between August 25, 2005 and September 14, 2005.

If convicted, each defendant faces a maximum penalty of 30 years in federal prison on each count. This matter was investigated by the Madison Police Department. The prosecution of these cases has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Daniel J. Graber.

DULUTH WOMAN CHARGED WITH BANK EMBEZZLEMENT

Nichol L. Anderson, also known as Nichol L. Heffner, DOB 5/12/1980, of Duluth, Minnesota, was charged with knowingly embezzling approximately \$18,500 from the Superior Savings Bank. The indictment alleges that Anderson did so while an employee of the bank, and that the embezzlement occurred between June 2003 and January 2006.

If convicted, Anderson faces a maximum penalty of 30 years in federal prison. This matter was investigated by the Eau Claire office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Meredith P. Duchemin.

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